Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 2, 5 and 6 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 15-17 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of three or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]]):

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

retrieving an authorization code **from a remote monitoring device**;

sending a print job with the authorization code **to the remote monitoring device**; [[and]]

the remote monitoring device checking whether the authorization code is valid**;**

~~, prior to enabling or~~ **enabling printing of the print job upon determining that the authorization code is valid; and**

disabling **printing of** the print job ~~from printing~~ **upon determining that the authorization code is invalid**.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the retrieving is performed by an agent operating on a computer.

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4. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the authorization code comprises an expiration interval parameter.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 1.

8. (Original) In a public computer service center where multiple computers can be connected to a communications link associated with the service center, a method comprising:

creating a request to log on to the communications link;

retrieving an authorization code from a host located on the communications link;

sending a print job to a printer with the authorization code embedded in a header of the print job; and

checking whether the authorization code is valid, prior to enabling or disabling the print job from printing.

9. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is a hotel.

10. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the public computer service center is an airport-based printing center.

11. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains an expiration interval parameter.

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12. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the authorization code contains a quality of service parameter.

13. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein an agent retrieves the authorization code from the host and assigns the authorization code to the print job.

14. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in Claim 8.

15. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a communications link;

a monitoring device attached to the communications link; and

an agent, configured to provide an interface between a computer and the communications link[[;]], wherein the agent **receives an authorization code from the monitoring device, and** assigns [[an]] **the** authorization code to a print job sent by the computer, [[and]]

[[a]] **wherein the** monitoring device, attached to the communications link, **is** configured to receive the print job and verify whether the authorization code is valid.

16. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the server **monitoring device** verifies [[if]] **whether** the authorization code is valid by comparing the authorization code to a data base to find a matching entry.

17. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the server **monitoring device** permits printing of the print job by a printer[[,]] if the print authorization code is valid.

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18. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code comprises an expiration interval parameter.

19. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code comprises a quality of service parameter.

20. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link comprises Ethernet access.

21. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link is a communications network.

22. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the communications link is a switch.

23. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the monitoring device is a server.

24. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code is embedded in a header of the print job.

25. (Original) The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein the authorization code is part of an HTTP communication related to the print job.

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